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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1715 - BORON

10th December 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. Nos. 3700.2 and 6, 3717.00/1, 3717.15/1 and W.P. 1715/1 to 3.

1. The CHAIRMAN opened the second round of discussion by inviting further views on the Note proposed for this item by the Italian Delegation, and set out in paragraph 3 of COCOM Doc. No. 3717.15/1.

2. The BELGIAN Delegation were not in favour of the Italian Note which would they believed constitute a dangerous precedent in allowing exports of such strategic commodities on the basis of an assumption as to the end-use. They would prefer to make use of the normal exception procedures.

3. The ITALIAN Delegation were prepared, on an ad referendum basis, to agree that the exports made under the terms of their Note be reported immediately, if it would help the Committee to reach agreement.

4. The FRENCH Delegation could agree to the Italian proposal, but wished to be certain that valid guarantees would be given as to end-use, since boron was a most important product and, while it had a wide variety of civilian uses, could also be used in a certain number of strategic applications. They were somewhat concerned at the cumulative effect of such shipments, but believed that with immediate notification it should be possible for the Committee to stop exports when they reached a certain level. The French authorities were, however, opposed to the United Kingdom suggestion to broaden the scope of this Note.

5. The GERMAN and UNITED KINGDOM Delegations had no strong views in this connexion and could agree to the Italian Note as at present worded.

6. The NETHERLANDS Delegation believed that the boron substances concerned were important from the strategic point of view. They could agree to the Italian Note, but not to the extension proposed by the United Kingdom Delegation.

7. The UNITED STATES Delegation were still awaiting instructions on this question. They referred to the points they had previously made (COCOM Doc. No. 3717.15/1, para.5). Whatever instruction might be received, they believed that it was certain they would not be able to accept the extension of the Note to all boron substances, as the French Delegation had also stated. If the Italian proposal were being considered sympathetically in Washington, the United States Delegation assumed that it would only be in terms of the understood Italian intent to limit shipments to very small quantities of the items specified in the Note for clear civilian end-use, and they assumed the Italian authorities would be open-minded to tighter language. They also believed that, should any Note be accepted, it would have to make provision

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for early and effective action to remedy excessive flow. But the United States Delegation were not sure that such a Note, however modified, was necessary in view of the available exceptions procedures. They undertook to give further views as soon as possible.

8. The ITALIAN Delegation stated their willingness to participate in any review which the Committee considered it necessary to undertake in this respect.

9. The COMMITTEE agreed to resume study of Item 1715 on the 16th December.

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